

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15, 16, 18-21, 23-34, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45, and 52 are pending and remain. Claims 1, 12, and 20 have been amended.

The amendments present the rejected claims in better form for
5 consideration on appeal and may be admitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(2).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claims 1, 12, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 12, and 20 have been amended and now satisfy the requirement. Withdrawal of the
10 rejection is requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Chang in view of Giljum et al. and further in view of Zhu et al.

Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15, 16, 18-21, 23-34, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45, and 52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over "In-Place Editing of Web
15 Pages: Sparrow Community-Shared Documents," to Bay-Wei Chang ("Chang"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,745,238, to Giljum et al. ("Giljum"), and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,032, to Zhu et al. ("Zhu"). Applicant traverses the rejection.

Prima facie obviousness requires a clear articulation of the reasons or
20 rationale why the claimed invention would have been obvious. MPEP 2142. Here, the claims appear to be rejected under the rationale of combining prior art elements according to known methods to yield predictable results...with the only difference between the claimed invention and the prior art being the lack of actual combination of the elements in a single prior art reference." MPEP 2143(A). If
25 any of the findings cannot be made, this rationale cannot support a conclusion that the claim would have been obvious. MPEP 2143(A).

Chang discloses in-place edition of community-shared web pages (Abstract). Users can perform lightweight editing of web pages, such as adding information items, in a structured fashion (Section 2.1). Users are presented with

a web page having added functionality, such as displaying editable information via a “disclosure triangle.”

Giljum discloses a system for distributed control and centralized management of a web site. The website resides on a database maintained by a database administrator (Col. 3, lines 57-65). The web site is constructed by a site administrator (Col. 3, line 66-Col. 4, line 5). Contributors add content to the website and content owners control publication of the content on the web site (Col. 4, lines 6-30).

Zhu discloses an apparatus, method, and computer program for remote document sharing (Abstract). Four modes of data sharing are provided, including remote document sharing mode, remote application viewing mode, remote application sharing mode, and annotation mode (Col. 3, lines 60-65).

Claim 1 recites an editing hardware device adapted to determine an edit user interface that is dedicated to the selected portion and allows selective editing of the selected portion through the edit user interface, wherein the edit user interface allows editing of at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion and suppression of display of the non-selected portions within the edit user interface. Claim 12 recites determining an edit user interface that is dedicated to the selected portion, wherein the edit user interface allows selective editing of the selected portion and suppression of display of the non-selected portions within the edit user interface. Claim 20 recites determining an edit user interface that is dedicated to the selected portion, wherein the edit user interface allows selective editing of the selected portion and suppression of display of the non-selected portions within the edit user interface. Claim 25 Claim 52 recites an editing hardware device adapted to determine an edit user interface and allows editing of the selected portion through the edit user interface, wherein the edit user interface allows editing of at least one of the template information or the formatting information of the selected portion and suppresses display of the non-selected portions within the edit user interface.

The Chang-Giljum-Zhu combination fails to teach or suggest such

limitations. Chang discloses presenting users with a web page having added functionality, such as displaying editable information via a “disclosure triangle.” Clicking on the triangle causes an item to “open” to allow editing of the item (Section 2.1). Specifically, a CGI script is invoked when the triangle is selected
5 by the user and the item associated with the triangle is open into an editable item (*Id.*). While the particular item is edited, the page content above and below the editing region remains unchanged and visible (Section 2.2). Thus, Chang discloses allowing content above and below an editing region to remain *unchanged and visible*, rather than suppressing a display of an unselected portion
10 of an electronic document, which is not to be modified. Giljum and Zhu fail to remedy the shortcomings of Chang.

Accordingly, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been shown with respect to independent Claims 1, 12, 20, and 52. Claims 2, 3, 5-11, 28, 29, 34, and 37 are dependent on Claim 1 and are patentable for the above-stated reasons,
15 and as further distinguished by the limitations therein. Claims 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 30, 31, 38, and 41 are dependent on Claim 12 and are patentable for the above-stated reasons, and as further distinguished by the limitations therein. Claims 21, 23-27, 32, 33, 42, and 45 are dependent on Claim 20 and are patentable for the above-stated reasons, and as further distinguished by the limitations therein.


20 Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed by the applicant and is considered to be no more pertinent than the prior art references already applied.

Reconsideration of the claims, withdrawal of the finality of the Office
25 action, and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15, 16, 18-21, 23-34, 37, 38, 41, 42, 45, and 52 are believed to be in a condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any questions or concerns associated with the present matter.

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